

Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

METRO COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING

MAY 13, 2020

Vision: Creating a city of safe neighborhoods, where everyone is secure, supported, free of violence and prepared for lifelong success.





FY21 Executive Budget Summary

Mission

Help make Louisville the safest city in America and promote peace in neighborhoods by activating the collective power of youth, citizens, the community, and our team.

Strategy

Utilizing a public health model for violence reduction, the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods is committed to creating a safe environment through implementation of the following:

- Community Building
- Hospital-Based Violence Interruption (Pivot to Peace)
- One Love Louisville
- The Ambassador Program
- THRIVE
- Trauma Resilient Communities
- Youth Implementation Team



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Engagement and Participant Outcomes

Injury Recidivism = 1%

OSHN funded Pivot to Peace efforts have successfully reduced injury recidivism to less than 1% among program participants (gun shot and stabbing victims) in 2019. Video: <https://youtu.be/Sk0wYWZH7d0>

Criminal Recidivism = 5%

Through a collaboration with KentuckianaWorks, more than 440 young people have enrolled in Reimage since 2015, achieving a recidivism rate of less than 5%.

Youth Engagement = 75,000

More than 75,000 Louisville youth engaged through our annual National Youth Violence Prevention Week with youth led events and social media campaigning to raise awareness and educate youth on effective strategies to prevent youth violence.

Civic Engagement = 401

401 people trained as One Love Louisville Ambassadors and are prepared to assist with violence reduction, community organizing, conflict resolution, and mental health first aid.



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Knowledge Gain = 80%

Nearly 80% of Ambassadors participants reported an increase in skills, knowledge, and increased desire to make change in their community.

Network Engagement = 650

Over 650 people participated in networking nights, information sessions, and meetings with a commitment to make a difference.

Connection to Resources = 1854

More than 1,854 connections have been made with individuals and families to mental health, employment, expungement, education, and housing resources.

Community Advisory Board Participation = 35

Created a Community Advisory Board of 35 representatives for the Trauma Resilient Cities Initiative that promotes resilience and equity for Louisville families and young people most affected by trauma, inequity and violence.



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Program Operations Modifications Amidst COVID-19

Ambassador Program

- First virtual training held in April 2020 with 46 participants

Faith-based Engagement

- Clergy Connect Calls launched in April. Five official calls have been held with 55 area clergy leaders per call

Community Building

- Connected Youth Team and their families with access to internet and laptops
- Virtual Social Media engagements to encourage citizens to complete the Census with 2,556 people reached
- Virtual Town Halls around community policing, youth violence and other topics; seven have been scheduled through June



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Youth Engagement

- Youth Team virtually met with the Mayor to discuss the city's response to the pandemic and ways to improve messaging for their peers
- Youth Town Halls held with State Representative Charles Booker
- Convened National Youth Violence Prevention Week virtually
- Youth are working on an Op-Ed to highlight the pre-existing social conditions that are causing an uptick in youth violence
- Youth social media sweepstakes in collaboration with Louisville Urban League and Rondo Foundation
- Youth team virtually met with local artists Hannah Drake and Jacorey Arthur to identify creative ways to engage youth around adopting COVID-19 preventive recommendations



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Pivot to Peace

- **UofL Health Trauma Institute** – hospital based-violence intervention operations continue as usual with contingencies in place for:
 - Limited personal protective equipment
 - Limited engagement with victims' families due to social distancing
 - 113 victims of interpersonal gun violence or stabbing seen in March and April
- **Peace Education**
 - Operations have shifted to telephonic and virtual

Restorative Justice Louisville dba Volunteers of America

- 141 referrals received from KY Administrative Office of the Courts' Court Designated Worker and Juvenile Court
- Working with the Court Designated Worker program to address referrals and ways to manage back log' of cases



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Trauma Resilient Community Project

- **15 Clinicians have received AF-CBT training**
- **473 clients have been screened and 29 clients have started AF-CBT treatment**
- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings**
 - 6 individuals are trained; 5 trainings have been scheduled
 - 2 Virtual Mental Health Workshops have been held and 3 are scheduled

THRIVE Fellowship – New Legacy

- Recruited and hired a Case Manager to connect participants with housing, mental health, education, employment, and other resources
- Culturally relevant COVID-19 week-long social media campaign implemented to reach youth ages 22-24



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Urban League Expungement Clinic

- **1300 individuals served with support from OSHN**
- **October 2019 Clinic**
 - 591 people served
 - 2,437 eligible cases
 - 141 circuit cases (felonies)
 - 2,296 district cases
 - 1,628 cases have been filed in Jefferson Co. Court (81 in circuit court & 1,547 in district court)
 - Courts are closed due to COVID-19
- Clinic saved clients a total of \$348,302 in court costs and attorney fees

Board 4 Change

- Developed a strategic plan for the following grantee outcomes
 - Improve social emotional development of children by improving competencies in the areas of self-awareness (self-confidence, self-efficacy), social awareness (respect for others), responsible decision making (identifying problems, analyzing situations, ethical responsibility), and self-management (impulse control, self-discipline)
 - Increase knowledge of at-home gun safety practices and laws among parents and children
 - Increase the use of gun safety practices among parents
- Provided gun locks to families



Next Steps

PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTCOMES – SCALING THE WORK BEYOND METRO GOVERNMENT

The fiscal year has yielded several successes including:

Formal partnership with community serving agencies and mental health providers to increase trauma support and healing centered services

Increased cross-functional partnerships with LMPD to identify methods to improve communication and increase data sharing

Increased staff professional development to continue implementing best practices

OSHN is also continuously focused on increased cross-functional collaboration and is working with community and hospital-based partners on the following projects:

National Youth Violence Prevention Week

The creation of Faith-Based community trainings and engagement

Greater collaboration with KYCC for employment opportunities

Site-based GED and tutoring support

Site-based mental health and trauma support for individuals and families

Increased focus area canvassing and needs assessments to fill resource gaps



Questions
